

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 9, 2004. Claims 1 to 6, 8 to 13 and 21 to 27 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 22, 24 and 26 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The Applicants and their undersigned attorney thank the Examiner for her courtesies and thoughtful treatment afforded during a personal interview conducted on November 7, 2005. Applicants' Statement of the Summary of the Interview follows.

At the interview, it was explained that the invention relates to a structured document which stores text for plural pages of the document. According to one aspect of the invention, page-information text defines a location in the structured document for text for a corresponding page of the plural pages.

It is thus one feature of the invention that the page-information text defines a "location" and defines a location "in the structured document" for the text for a corresponding page of the plural pages thereof.

At the interview, the Examiner directed attention to Takaoka's Figure 3A, and to the up-arrows originating in PAGEINDEX block 301. According to the Examiner, these up-arrows could correspond to the claimed "location in the document". However, at the interview it was explained that Takaoka's up-arrows were illustrative only, and that the information actually stored in Takaoka's PAGEINDEX block 301 was a simple identifier

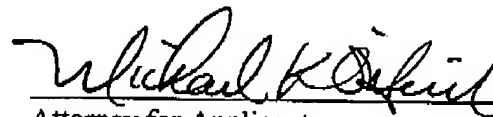
for the page. Such an identifier was not the same as a "location in the document for text of a corresponding page".

The Examiner agreed with this understanding, and asked for amendments so as to clarify the distinction between a "page location" and a "page identifier". The Examiner suggested language that would make this distinction clear, and also suggested language that would address the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Those amendments have now been made.

In keeping with the Examiner's indication that agreement had been reached, it is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection under § 112, and also to withdraw the rejection over Takaoka.

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